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SUBJECT: NEW IDEAS PARTY ELECTS OFFICERS

1. THE NEW IDEAS PARTY HELD ITS FOURTH CONGRESS ON JANUARY 12 AND 13, 1975. THE 86 PARTICIPANTS RE-ELECTED CHANSAMONE VORAVONG (DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AND NATIONAL PRINTING OFFICE) AS PRESIDENT OF THE PARTY AND CHAIRMAN OF ITS POLITBURO AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE. SAYKHAM (DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING) WAS ELECTED FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND THEVET INSISIENGMAI (ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF THE PLAN) SECOND VICE PRESIDENT. DR. SOMPHOU OUDOMVILAY (SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND PLAN) WAS REAPPOINTED AS SECRETARY GENERAL. THE FOLLOWING SIX PERSONS WERE ELECTED TO 12-YEAR TERMS ON THE POLITBURO: SOMMAI PATHOUMXAD, HENG SAYTHAVY, MONGKHOL K. SOSORITH, ISSARA K. SASORITH, BOVALAY SOUK ALOUN AND YANG DAO. THE POLITBURO CONSISTS OF 18 MEMBERS AND A THIRD OF ITS MEMBERSHIP IS RENEWED EVERY THREE YEARS.

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2. COMMENT: THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTIONS REFLECTS THE NEW IDEAS PARTY'S DECISION MADE LAST YEAR TO MAINTAIN STABILITY IN ITS LEADERSHIP SO AS TO ENABLE ITS LEADERS TO HAVE A MORE CONSISTENT AND PRESUMABLY THEREFORE A MORE INFLUENTIAL VOICE IN NATIONAL AFFAIRS. THE PARTY HAS NOT BEEN NOTICEABLY ACTIVE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF ITS MEMBERS (WHO CORRECTLY SAW POTENTIAL THREATS TO THEIR OWN POSITIONS) PROVIDED LEADERSHIP TO THE COUNTER-STRIKE AND CIVIL-SERVANTS' LETTER MOVEMENT WHICH DEVELOPED DURING THE ELECTRICITE DU LAOS STRIKE LAST OCTOBER. IT HAS BEEN THE MOST EFFECTIVE VIENTIANE SIDE REACTION THUS FAR TO THE DEMONSTRATION/STRIKE TACTIC OF LAO FEDERATION OF LABOR, LAO STUDENT FEDERATION.
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